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SUBJ: TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM -- SPECIAL "FOREIGN TRADE
QUESTIONNAIRE"

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1. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF STEEL INDUSTRY EXPORTS FROM COLOMBIA, AND THE FACT THAT THE PRIMARY MARKETS FOR THESE EXPORTS ARE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, POST SUGGESTS THAT CARRYING OUT THE FOREIGN INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE IN REFTEL WOULD BE AN INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES. THE FOLLOWING DATA IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THIS LOW LEVEL OF EXPORTS:

2. FOR COLOMBIAN EXPORTS THAT ARE ENCOMPASSED WITHIN THE U.S. TARIFF CODE FROM 6712000 TO 6793000 (PIG IRON, INCLUDING CAST IRON, TO FORGINGS, IRON AND STEEL, NOT ADVANCE), VALUES OF TOTAL EXPORTS WERE APPROXIMATELY US \$2 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1975, US \$5 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1976, AND US \$2 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1977. AGGREGATED FIGURES FOR 1978 ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT THEY SHOULD NOT DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM THE THREE PREVIOUS YEARS. IN ALL THREE YEARS CITED, THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS WERE OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY ECUADOR, VENEZUELA AND PERU. THIS SUMMARY REVIEW COMES FROM DATA PROVIDED BY THE GOC INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE (INCOMEX).

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3. ACCORDING U.S. IMPORT FIGURES FOR THE SAME TARIFF CODE NUMBERS IDENTIFIED ABOVE (6712000 TO 6793000), THE U.S. IMPORTED THOSE PRODUCTS FROM COLOMBIA ONLY IN 1975, AS FOLLOWS (FIGURES IN US THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS):

6712000 PIG IRON, INCLUDING CAST IRON

TOTAL US IMPORTS 69,316
FROM COLOMBIA 269

6785020 FLANGES, FORGED STEEL AND WELDING FITTINGS OF STEEL

TOTAL US IMPORTS 99,224
FROM COLOMBIA 69

4. IN LIGHT OF COLOMBIA'S VERY MINIMAL PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. STEEL AND STEEL PRODUCT MARKET, POST REQUESTS THAT IT BE EXEMPTED FROM COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN REFTEL. WE DOUBT, IN ANY CASE, THAT MEANINGFUL STATISTICS COULD BE GATHERED.

5. IN LIGHT OF THE DATA PRESENTED ABOVE IN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE, DEPT MAY ALSO WISH TO TAKE BOGOTA OFF ALSTEEL COLLECTIVE ADDRESS.

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